

REMARKS:

1) Examination of the present U. S. National Phase Application is to proceed on the basis of claims 25 to 47. Claims 25 to 47 are directly based on the PCT International Application claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 24, incorporating the amendments under PCT Article 19 of July 18, 2000 and the amendments under PCT Article 34 of December 21, 2000, as literally translated into English, except for omitting multiple dependencies.

2) It is noted that the International Preliminary Examination Report finds favorably that all International Claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 24 (corresponding to new U. S. claims 25 to 47) satisfy all criteria for patentability.

3). Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 25 to 47 are respectfully requested.

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